

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Grimma 3022586

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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25X1 REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

25X1 SOURCE [REDACTED]

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- ☐ 1. On 6 December, the Strasburg Kaserne in Grimma was occupied to capacity by about 1,200 men including recently inducted recruits. On 1 December, large-size jeep [REDACTED] towing a 37-mm AA gun left the installation toward the training ground. On 4 December, soldiers maintained 20 trucks in the eastern section of the installation. All motor-vehicle storage sheds were occupied to capacity. On 6 December, about 80 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia marched to the installation from the upper railroad station. [REDACTED]

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2. On 6 December, the Elsner Kaserne was occupied to capacity by one engineer unit and one signal unit each numbering about 350 men, and by another 150 men. Recruits were recently assigned to the two units. The installation was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered black epaulets. On 5 December, about 140 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia marched to the installation from the club. Subsequently, about 100 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia marched to the same way. [REDACTED]

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3. From 20 November to 6 December, source noted that no troops used the Otterwisch training grounds.

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4. During the time of observation source learned that 65 apartments in Grimma would have to be vacated by German civilians for occupation troops and that the Germans had allegedly refused to leave.

- ☐ 5. On 21 November, about 800 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, about 50 percent with artillery insignia, were quartered in the Elsner Kaserne. On 19 November, about 60 men received marksmanship training, and 23 men drilled with three 82-mm mortars on the training ground south of the installation. About 150 men left the installation toward the target range. Two six-wheeled armored weapon carriers and one tank truck were stored in the yard. [REDACTED] soldiers received basic training and close-range training and drilled with one 76-mm gun. [REDACTED]

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6. On 21 November, about 1,000 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets including about 40 percent with tank and artillery insignia and about 20 uniformed women were quartered in the Strasburg Kaserne. Four six-wheeled armored weapon carriers [redacted] were in a motor-vehicle storage shed whose door was open. On 21 November, about 150 men drilled and some other soldiers maintained one T-34/85 tank. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. The 21st Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div is to some extent confirmed quartered in the Strassburg Kaserne (1402).

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[redacted] The two sources still disagree on the location of the [redacted] and the 155th Gds Sig Bn of the division.

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